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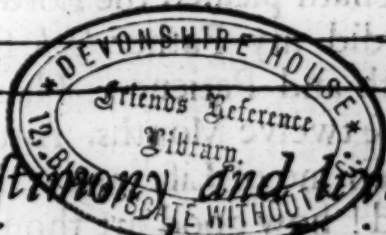
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*The last Testimony and living  
Words of our dear Friend  
and Servant of the Lord  
William Allen, who depart-  
ed this Life the 21. of the  
11th. Month, 1679.*

**T**He Earth is filled with the glory of the  
Lord, Praises, Praises, unto my God,  
who Reigns over all, who hath Re-  
deemed my Soul from the Grave, and my Life  
from the horrible Pit, who hath plucked my  
Feet out of the mire and Clay. Glory, Glory be  
unto thy great Name Oh my good God! As  
for my part I have fought the good Fight, and  
have kept the Faith, and a large share of the Glo-  
ry of my God is sealed unto my Soul, its but an  
earnest of it that I have here, of that Crown of  
Life and Glory which my Father hath in store  
for me.

It hath pleased the Lord to exercise me, a<sup>s</sup> he did my Father *Job* for the tryal of my Faith and Patience; I have troden his Steps these twelve Months. A full reward thou hast given me of Life and Glory: Oh my good God! how good art thou to me: I have received abundance of good at thy hand, and shall I not receive a little evil? Blessed be thy name for thy goodness; my Cup overflows I cannot utter it. And so continued, at times oft expressing the glory of the Lord, and the Immortality that rested upon him; and charged friends to be faithful, and that the dread of God might always be upon their hearts, that they might answer his Love, in yeilding Obedience to his requirings: and then though they might meet with Exercises for the tryal of their Faith, yet the Lord would be with them if they abode faithful to the end; And the same Crown of life they should enjoy which he had an assurance of. Therefore (said he) Watch, and keep your Garments and Oyl in your Vessels, that ye may be ready to enter with the Bridegroom. But as for those that shall continue in Hypocrisie and Disobedience, shun the Cross of *Jesus* and neglect to work while it is day; the night will come upon such, and that

at unawares, when neither the Father nor the Son works, and the foolish Virgins state they will be found in : and though they may desire Oyl of the Wise, they will have none to spare, but the door will be shut upon such, and the sentence will be, time shall be no more, then woe and misery will be their Portion for ever.

He divided the word aright to his two Daughters, and giving them good Counsel and Exhortation, said, there was a blessing for them for their Fathers sake, if they should bow to Truth, and abide faithful therein.

He longed he said, to hast away, but was willing to drink the Cup at his Fathers hand, and wait his pleasure

More was spoken by him, as friends came to see him, and as his strength would persevere, which was not taken in writing. Then his speech growing very low, he could not well be heard, and seemed for some hours to lie as he was departing ; at last, he said to a friend, I was almost gon, but I cannot go yet, there is some secret counsel of God in it, which caused friends to believe that he had yet a farther testimony to bear to some, which was so ; for after some little time, more friends coming in,

he was beyond outward likelihood enabled to declare much to them, and exhorted to faithfulness, and said, I am glad to see my friends about me: I go to my God and your God, my Father and your Father; my bosome is full of Love to all my Fathers Children. And then said, now Lord *Jesus* how acceptable is it to leave all the World and be gathered up to thee. And so committing his Spirit to the Lord, soon fell asleep, and is entred into Rest and Immortal Glory.

*The Testimony of Martha Allen, concerning her deceased Husband William Allen.*

**I** Have parted with a man of God, a Minister of *Jesus* Christ, an ancient in *Israel*, who hath fought the good Fight and kept the Faith, and is entred into his rest. He would often lament for those that set down in an easy State; and would often say, that a terrible day would overtake those that are careless and at ease in *Sion* that slumbers away their time, who are in the Holes, and Caves, and Dens of the Earth. And in the time of his health (that he was able to go forth and visit friends) he would oft say to me, God hath made me



Huntsman, I must visit many of them there, as  
 in their Holes and Caves, I must be clear of  
 their blood. And would oft speak of the  
 sore travel and pangs that he had for some,  
 which made his Soul oft sorrowful, as unto  
 death. So in that truth, light, and life that  
 dwelt in him, am I given up to follow the  
 Lord to the end of my days till my change  
 comes: who am a Companion to all that fears  
 the Lord.

*Martha Allen.*

This is the Testimony that lives in my heart,  
 concerning my dear and well beloved friend  
*William Allen*; who died the 21<sup>st</sup>. day of the  
 11<sup>th</sup>. Month 1679. Who in his life time was  
 a man of an upright heart and walked in the  
 integrity of the Gospel of Christ, of which he  
 received a dispensation in the early days of  
 his conviction, about the year 1654. And  
 the Power of the Lord made a speedy change  
 in him, and stirr'd up a Zeal in his Soul against  
 the false ways and worships, superstitions and  
 profaneness of those times. Which Zeal for  
 God produced living Testimonies from him in  
 divers Towns and places (where he travelled)

against these things which were evil, which sometimes occasioned him to come under hard sufferings, bonds, and imprisonments; In all which he behaved himself as a Faithful and Courageous Souldier of Christ *Jesus*, and a good example to his fellow sufferers, Preaching the Gospel of peace, both in life and doctrine; stopt the mouths of many gainsayers: And had a sweet and comfortable effect, upon many who were reached in their Consciences by his Testimony and Ministry, and by his innocent Conversation; so that they embraced the Truth he Preached, and suffered for, and became Heirs of the Salvation of God, to their everlasting comfort, and the furtherance of the Gospel.

I have known him about 24 years, In all which time his Conversation in the Churches of Christ where he was led to labour and travel was amiable and lovely; and his Testimony received with good acceptation among the faithful. He was a man of a severe carriage to such as made a profession of Truth, and walked not with a straight foot in the Gospel; but very tender over all such as were young and under exercises about their inward condition, and did sometimes speak very effectual to their con-



conditions to the easing their afflicted Spirit  
as divers have testified, and can testify.

He was a good example in this Countie  
where he lived, encouraging friends both by  
exhortation and diligence, in observing the  
good order of truth to keep things clear  
and to keep the Gospel void of offence  
much as in him lay, and after he fell into  
way of trade in the World, his care was to  
keep his word, and that men might be paid in  
due time according to their expectations. In  
which thing it would be well if all the profes-  
sors of truth would follow his example.

He was a man that never exalted himself  
above his Brethren, but carried a good re-  
spect to them, and to their counsel and judg-  
ment, according as God had given judgment  
and wisdom to his Children; neither did he  
exercise himself in things too high for him  
but dwelt in a contented Habitation, in the  
measure and dispensation of the Grace and  
Gospel committed to him, serving the Lord  
Jesus and his Church and people therein with-  
out weariness to the end of his days, not  
eyeing his own Interest thereby, but in simpli-  
city of heart ministered to every ones condi-  
tion, according to the leadings of the gift of  
God that was in him.

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In fine, His Life and Conversation made  
 a lovely, and his End was honourable, and  
 is crowned with Immortality and eternal  
 life, and hath left the World in a good age,  
 having attained to about 63 years, and hath  
 left an example of Innocency and Sincerity to  
 them that are left behind, and blessed will all  
 they be, that in Faithfulness follow the same,  
 and fulfill their Race as he hath done, they  
 shall also partake of the same Crown of Im-  
 mortality and eternal Life.

*Steven Crisp.*

Great hath been the loving-kindness of the  
 true God, who after a long night of darkness  
 that hath been over the Nations, yet he hath  
 not left himself without a Witness, which in  
 every Age and Generation strove with the  
 sons and Daughters of men, and bore witness  
 unto him, and gave men to see what it was  
 that he required of them, and in this Age, as  
 in other Generations, he hath raised up Wit-  
 nesses and Ministers, who have borne testimony  
 to the Coming of Christ, and of his being  
 made manifest in Spirit, in the hearts of Men  
 and Women; among whom was this faithful  
 servant and Minister *William Allen*, who is  
 gone.

gone to his Rest prepared for him, having finished his course in a good time, in the feeling of the Power and Majesty of the Lord of which I am a Witness with him, I being with him a few days before his departure when I saw him in great weakness of Body yet bearing a sweet and heavenly Image, and his spirit livingly breathing to God, which brought the day of my tender years (in which I first saw him) into my remembrance, when first the Lord shined upon me, and gave me sight of the good Land: this man of God being the first publick Minister of the Gospel Jesus that ever I saw, whose appearance was beautifull and lovely, and God's Image was upon him, and he bore the Image of the heavenly; his words were weighty, and grave Sentences, who looking upon me, and perceiving my weak condition, he breathed up to God, for my growth and preservation in the Truth, which (blessed be the Lord,) God heard his Prayers, and answered the desire of his Petition; for indeed I was as a Branch pluckt out of the fire. This was the Love of the long-suffering God, who waited to be gracious to the workmanship of his hands. Oh Lord keep me in the remembrance of the

y for ever, that thy Name may be honoured  
 me ; for surely thy Love is great, and thy  
 mercy endureth for ever to thy seed that  
 eaths after thee , and cannot be satisfied  
 without the enjoyment of thee ; praises to thy  
 ame for ever.

*Warwick* the 3d.

I. Mo. 1688.

*John Fediman.*

The Lord having visited a Remnant in our  
 ge and Generation, with the knowledge of  
 s everlasting Truth, by causing his Day to  
 wn from on high, did raise up several faith-  
 ll Ministers, as Instruments in his hand, for  
 e carrying on of his Work, and redeeming  
 s people from the Kindreds, Tongues and  
 nguages , and from the many by-ways,  
 ere they were scattered upon the barren  
 ountains, to bring them to the one Shep-  
 rd and one Sheepfold, among whom was  
 r deceased Friend *William Allen*, who was  
 led forth near the beginning of the day,  
 d endued with a living and powerfull Mini-  
 y, whereby many by him were turned from  
 rkness to light, and from Sathan's power to  
 e power of God, ( some of whom remains  
 is day as the seal of his Ministry ) which  
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though it was not adorned with the words of man's wisdom, yet it was reaching and convincingly effectual unto many, who were made sensible of the Life that dwelt in him, and by which he sounded a certain Alarm to those he travelled amongst, ( being mostly in *Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, and Cambridgeshire* and Parts adjacent ) and was read and understood by the breathing travelling Babes, to whom he ministred suitably, giving Milk to them, and Meat to those of riper age, ( he being skilfull in dividing the Word aright ) so that by him the mourners were comforted and the feeble strengthened and encouraged, to persevere on in their most holy Faith ; but his testimony was as a sword to the rebellious and disobedient, and would oft declare, that the Message committed to him, was not only to proclaim liberty to the captives, and glad tidings to the meek, but the day of vengeance of our God, to all that obeyed not the Gospel, that being convinced of the truth, sat down in a whole-hearted state, and knowing God did not like to retain him in their knowledge, and therefore would oft cry, In as much as the day hastens, wherein the Lord would take vengeance on such in flames of fire

re, Come away, come! away, haste, flee for  
 our lives, come out of *Babylon*, stick not  
 to her skirts, partake not with her of her sins,  
 lest you partake of her plagues, but come up,  
 come up to the holy Hill, that you may be-  
 hold what the Lord is doing in his Sanctuary,  
 who is creating *Jerusalem* a praise, and her  
 people a rejoycing, the day being now come  
 that was prophesied of, that she should be in-  
 habited without walls, the Lord himself be-  
 ing a wall of fire round about her, and her  
 glory in the midst of her. Therefore let the  
 inhabitants of the Rock now sing, and shout  
 loud for joy, for *Sion's* Light is come, and  
 the Glory of the Lord is risen upon her, and  
 she now become as an overflowing Stream.

And it was not only given to him to be-  
 lieve, but also to suffer for the Testimony com-  
 mitted to him, being in perils and prisons oft,  
 as at *Colchester* Castle, being taken at *Weathers-*  
*field* as he was going to a meeting near that  
 town, and committed by *Dudly Templar*,  
 called Justice, *Anno* 1658. ( as also at *Cam-*  
*bridge-Castle*, *Ely*, and *Lyn* ) while he was at  
 the Castle at *Colchester*, ( he having after some  
 time some liberty granted him ) was made  
 serviceable there, founding forth the everla-  
 sting



sting Gospel, so that divers were awakened  
 and gained to the Truth ; amongst others, I  
 was made instrumental to me, and hath been  
 as a Father to me for these divers years, feel-  
 ing and travelling for my preservation in the  
 way of life, so that we were near and dear  
 one another ; and oft have I been refreshed  
 ( with many more ) through that stream of  
 Life that ran through him in the Assemblies of  
 the Lord's people, so that I can truly say,  
 was pleasant to me to sit and hear the sound of  
 Life through him, his care being (as he would  
 oft by way of counsel say to others ) to wait  
 that God might give the breath, ( that word  
 might be as Trumpets in his hand ) for then  
 only it gave a certain sound ; his heart was  
 upright to God, ( and his care was over the  
 Flock of God, where his lot was cast ) whose  
 glory he sought above all, and hath his re-  
 ward with him in Glory for ever, though he  
 met with exercises as to the outward man, ( in-  
 cident to mankind while in this Tabernacle  
 of clay ) especially within a year and half  
 before his decease, being much afflicted with  
 bodily Weakness and Sicknes, but would not  
 say he was content in the Will of his Father  
 and to drink the Cup at his hand. In which  
 time

time he shewed forth the Meekness and Pati-  
 nce of him that dwelt in him, and a large share  
 he had of his Father *Job's* exercises, as he  
 would himself say. But the Lord in due time  
 seeing it was enough, (and that he had born a  
 large share of the heat of the day) (Spending  
 and being spent for the Gospel) put a period  
 to his days: Who was filled with the glory of  
 the Lord to the last (so that he said he could  
 not for joy but that he wanted strength of  
 body) which he said was but an earnest of  
 what he should more fully enjoy when this  
 earthly Tabernacle was dissolved. Who now  
 entered into his rest and shines as a Star in the  
 firmament, and his memory is blessed, who  
 yet lives, and with whose Spirit we feel uni-  
 ty and Fellowship (though the earthly Taber-  
 nacle is returned to its center) which unity  
 lasts and endures through ages and generations,  
 where the Spirits of just men made perfect are  
 felt, that are gone before us; and that life which  
 dwelt in them remains with us; which is our  
 Joy, Comfort, and Encouragement to perse-  
 vere on in the way of life: and to us is a cer-  
 tain Testimony that (though the Lord is plea-  
 sed to remove his Servants and Prophets from  
 us) he will not leave nor forsake us, but will  
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Still lead his people, as a Flock to the fresh Pastures of life, there to lie down, where none can make afraid ; wherein the blessed sence of the overcomings of his love, the holy high praises is offered up unto him who is worthy of it, for all his Mercies and Blessings daily enjoyed, increased, and multiplyed upon us, who hath been our preserver and upholder to this very day, and is our stay and strength in the deepest exercises : Blessed are they who keep to him, they never are forsaken. To him be the Glory and Praise for ever.

*John Furly Junior.*

*The Testimony of Ann Furly the Elder, concerning our deceased Friend William Allen.*

**H**E was a man whom God made instrumental to my being convinced of the blessed Truth, and in whom the Power of God much dwelt, his Ministry was a living Ministry, he lived in that which he declared of, he did not only exhort to faithfulness, but he was always found in it himself, he was Valiant upon Earth for Gods blessed truth, and as

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the Lord required it of him he thought not his life dear, but did hazard it many a time; in particular here at *Colchester*, where he exposed himself to the rage of the cruel Troopers (to save the apparent hazard of his life in the time of their sore beating and abusing friends when assembled together (he then openly declaring the truth amongst us) but the secret arm of the Lord preserved him and his people that day, that was no hurt done, for which the Lord was praised for his great deliverance, for it was his Wonderful hand only that effected it. And now after all his labours, the Lord hath given him a good reward and received him up to glory as he will do every one who abides faithful to what he makes manifest.

*Ann Furlly the Elder.*

*The Testimony of Martha King, concerning our dear Friend William Allen.*

**T**His dear worthy of the Lord and Valiant in *Israel*, who engaged in the *Lamb's Warfare* till he overcame; he was made a Pillar in the house of God, and as a Trumpet that gave a certain sound; Sounding forth

his alarme from Gods holy Mountain, where  
 by many were awakened to righteousness,  
 and their Spirits quickened ; and a remnant  
 bore the seal of his Ministry at this day ; to  
 whom he was an instrument in the hand of the  
 Lord, for the turning their minds from dark-  
 ness to light, and from Sathans Power to the  
 Power of God. My Spirit is bowed before  
 the Lord, and the cry of my Soul is, that all  
 who were so turned by him may for ever walk  
 worthy of the Lords goodness, and answer his  
 large love to our Souls, so shall we answer the  
 labour and travels of this our dear deceased  
 friend, that they be not bestowed upon us in  
 vain, who breathed for the prosperity of *Sion*,  
 that all whose faces were turned *Sion*-wards  
 might not look back, nor linger in the Suburbs  
 of *Babylon* ; those that did so, he would oft  
 declare should be left behind, and *Amalek*  
 should prevail over them.

Much might be written concerning the blef-  
 sed life and power which dwelt in this our dear  
 friend, wherein he obtained a good increase,  
 through his faithfulness to the Lord : the strea-  
 ming forth thereof was very sweetly refreshing,  
 and consolating to those whose hearts were tru-  
 ly bowed to God.

Now, this remains, that we follow his steps in all faithfulness, holiness, and Godly fear, and pure obedience to the Lord, watching to his Power, having a single eye to him the living fountain, from whence all our refreshings come, that we may have bread in our own Houses and water in our own Cisterns, and witness a growth and increase in the increases of God, so shall we also finish our course with joy, and lay down our heads in rest and peace with the Lord as he hath done.

*Martha King.*

**O**Ur dear friend *William Allen* is gone, and Immortal is his Crown, and he is at rest in his Fathers bosom. In his sickness he would say that he was filled with the joy of the Lord, and with the presence of his Father. Our loss is great, for I can truly say that he was an Instrument in the hand of God to do good to my Soul, and to many more, and the living presence of the Lord was with him, for our Souls have been refreshed with his living Ministry many a time, and although his body is removed



moved from us, yet we enjoy him in that which is Immortal, as we abide faithful.

*Susanna Potter.*

*Colchester in Essex.*

*11th. 1. Mo. 16 $\frac{2}{8}$ .*

*Dear Friends,*

There is something in my heart to write concerning our dear Friend *William Allen* whom the Lord hath taken out of the Body but his Life still lives with the upright in heart he was a man that did truly fear the Lord and sought his Glory alone ; he turned man from darkness to light , and from Sathan's power to the power of God, and there are many living Witnesses thereof. The Lord was good to him night and day , beyond what words can declare , and although he felt Exercises as to the outward man to abound, yet his consolation in the heavenly power much more abounded ; for the Lord fill'd him with the flagons of his Love, and new Wine of the Kingdom, that he was straitened in the earthly Tabernacle, being so filled

I with the living presence of the Lord,  
 that he would say he wanted room, Let me  
 do.

Much might be spoken as to that living  
 power that wrought in him, and his faith-  
 fulness thereunto, and many of his living  
 expressions doth remain with me, as con-  
 cerning Friends keeping low in the middle  
 path of judgement, where the Redemption  
 of *Sion* comes to be witnessed. But not  
 unto us, not unto us, but unto the heavenly  
 power, Spirit and Life, that wrought effe-  
 ctually in him, and preserved him to the  
 end of his days, be all praise, power, domi-  
 nion, and thanks given, for ever and ever-  
 more, *Amen*, saith my Soul.

*Elizabeth Fryet.*

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